REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated May 5, 2005, Applicants elect the method of performing field-assisted hybridization in the detection of nucleic acid targets in a sample. This subject matter is encompassed by original claims 13-24, as well as new claims 27-31.

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